

**Exemption Action in Compliance with Chapter 713 of the Acts of the
Assembly**

**Amendment to Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing
18 VAC 90-20-10 et seq.**

18VAC90-20-200. Licensure by endorsement.

A. A graduate of an approved nursing education program who has been licensed by examination in another U.S. jurisdiction and whose license is in good standing, or is eligible for reinstatement, if lapsed, shall be eligible for licensure by endorsement in Virginia, provided the applicant satisfies the requirements for registered nurse or practical nurse licensure. A graduate of a nursing school in Canada where English was the primary language shall be eligible for licensure by endorsement provided the applicant has passed the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination (CRNE) and holds an unrestricted license in Canada.

B. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit the required application and fee and submit the required form to the appropriate credentialing agency in the state or province of original licensure for verification of licensure. Applicants will be notified by the board after 30 days, if the completed verification form has not been received.

C. If the application is not completed within one year of the initial filing date, the application shall be retained on file by the board as required for audit.

18VAC90-20-210. Licensure of applicants from other countries.

A. With the exception of applicants from Canada who are eligible to be licensed by endorsement, applicants whose basic nursing education was received in, and who are duly licensed under the laws of, another country, shall be scheduled to take the licensing

examination provided they meet the statutory qualifications for licensure. Verification of qualification shall be based on documents submitted as required in subsections B and D of this section.

B. Such applicants for registered nurse licensure shall:

1. Submit evidence of passing the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Qualifying Examination; and
2. Submit the required application and fee for licensure by examination.

C. An applicant for licensure as a registered nurse who has met the requirements of subsections A and B of this section may practice for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of approval of an application submitted to the board when he is working as a nonsupervisory staff nurse in a licensed nursing home or certified nursing facility.

1. Applicants who practice nursing as provided in this subsection shall use the designation "foreign nurse graduate" on nametags or when signing official records.
2. During the 90-day period, the applicant shall take and pass the licensing examination in order to remain eligible to practice nursing in Virginia.
3. Any person practicing nursing under this exemption who fails to pass the licensure examination within the 90-day period may not thereafter practice nursing until he passes the licensing examination.

D. Such applicants for practical nurse licensure shall:

1. Submit evidence from a recognized agency that reviews credentials of foreign-educated nurses that the secondary education, nursing education, and license are comparable to those required for licensed practical nurses in the Commonwealth;

2. Request that the credentialing agency, in the country where licensed, submit the verification of licensure form directly to the board office; and
3. Submit the required application and fee for licensure by examination.

Certification

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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